



# Helen Detwiler School



*Hamilton Wentworth District School Board - Curiosity, Creativity, Possibility*

## ***From the Principal & Vice-Principal's Desk***

Welcome back to the start of our 2019-20 school year at Helen Detwiler! We have enjoyed meeting new students and staff and reconnecting with those who were here last year. We hope that the start of this school year has been positive for your child.

With the start of the school year, we recognize that the focus will be on setting good work habits and routines both at home and at school. We ask that you please go over all material that was sent home by your child's classroom or advisor teacher ensuring that the necessary paperwork is reviewed, signed and returned to aid in a smooth start. This will help keep all tracking of our student information current and organized at the school.

Last week we were able to bring everyone together to introduce our staff, and share our school expectations to ensure a safe & orderly environment.

We value the importance of a Character Education program to build the character of our students and help them make good choices in their lives. Our Character Education focus for the month of September is "Respect" & "Belonging" and our students are working towards the goal of being recognized for their respectful behavior and demonstrating their ability to show how "We all belong", throughout the school and on the playground. Those students "caught" showing "Respect" & "Belonging" throughout September will be recognized at our next Character Education Assembly held in the beginning of October.

As a school team, we also value the importance of capturing moments that share the many great things that happen here at Helen Detwiler to support our students learning academically, socially and through extracurriculars. If you would like to see the great things happening, consider following us on twitter by signing into twitter through your phone and following **@HDHurricanes**.



On behalf of the entire staff, we look forward to meeting parent/guardian(s) and extended family members at our Meet the Teacher night held on Thursday, September 19 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. We hope you enjoy the evening and tour of Helen Detwiler!



Sincerely,

***Mrs Boshier & Ms. Francis***  
Principal & Vice-Principal

## **SEPTEMBER 2019**

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Monday, September 16th**

Sr. Boys Softball Tournament  
at Turner Park

#### **Tuesday, September 17th**

Jr. Boys Softball Tournament  
at Turner Park

#### **Wednesday, September 18th**

Sr. Girls Softball Tournament  
at Turner Park

#### **Thursday, September 19th**

Meet the Teacher  
5:00-6:30pm

#### **Friday, September 20th**

**P.A. Day - No School**

#### **Thursday, September 26th**

School Council 6:00 p.m.

#### **Thursday, September 26th**

Terry Fox Run

### **Looking Ahead**

#### **Tuesday, October 1st**

Character Education  
Assembly 11:10(FDK-Gr. 4),  
11:50 (Gr. 5-8) a.m.  
Parent(s)/Guardian(s)  
are welcome to attend.

#### **Friday, October 4th**

Cross Country Meet at  
Christie Conservation Area

## Character Builds - THE WORD ON THE STREET!



RESPECT & BELONGING . We teach respect through the lens of respecting ourselves, respecting others and respecting our school. We also believe in the importance of every student belonging at Helen Detwiler. Our focus is to invest in teaching our students to help everyone feel a sense

of belonging

## Monthly Focus

September - **Respect & Belonging**

October - **Self Regulation**

November - **Courage**

December - **Caring**

January - **Responsibility**

February - **Empathy**

March - **Honesty**

April - **Acceptance**

May - **Integrity**

June - **Citizenship**

## School Council

We welcome any parents that are interested in being a part of Helen Detwiler's School Council. The role of School Council is to advise School Staff of recommendations for our School Improvement Plan. Our first School Council Meeting with nominations and elections will be held on **Thursday, September 26th, 2019** at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. You must be present at this meeting in order to be a voting member of the school council.

We want to thank our 2018-19 school council for their work in fundraising to add two benches to our school playground. These benches are being well used by students during recess breaks and before/after school.



## Student Agendas

Your child has received his/her new Student Agenda for the 2019/20 school year. This is an important organizational & communication tool which all students will be encouraged and expected to use. Under the HWDSB School Fees Policy, the \$5.00 fee for the Agenda is optional. We will use any donations collected to offset the cost to the school. Please submit donations to your child's homeroom teacher by Thursday, September 19th. Thank you for your support.

## Parents/Guardians - Visitors to the Office

All parents/visitors **must report to the office when coming into the school**. To ensure the safety of everyone in the building we must be aware of all parents/visitors that are in the school.

## Allergy Alert

A reminder that Helen Detwiler is a **NUT SAFE and SCENT SAFE** school. For the safety of all our students, please do not send peanut or nut products to school and refrain from using scented lotions and sprays. Thank you.

## Meet The Teacher

We look forward to meeting you at our "Meet the Teacher" Night on Thursday September 19th. All classrooms will be open for you to meet teachers. TCBY Frozen Yogurt cups will be sold for \$2 and Mr. Ho and Mrs. Kowamoto will be taking orders for Helen Detwiler T-Shirts and Sweatshirts.



## Students With Medical Needs

If your child has a medical condition (anaphylaxis, diabetes, seizures, asthma etc.) please ensure you have completed a Plan of Care and returned it to school. If your child has a medical condition and was not given a Plan of Care, please contact the office. It is important that we have current medical information on file to support students.

## Bus Transportation

If you have submitted a courtesy transportation form, we thank you for your continued patience with this process. We would like to remind parents that students are **not** covered for liability by the board and are not permitted to ride on the bus until they are approved by Transportation Services. It will take most of the month of September to organize and process transportation requests. Thank you for your patience.



## Helen Detwiler Nutrition Program

The Nutrition Program at Helen Detwiler starts on Monday September 9. We are very impressed with the organization and efficiency of our volunteers that work very hard to deliver nutritional snacks to over 500 students every

morning. Our snack bins will be on display during Meet the Teacher so you can see many of the snacks your child is provided at school. Thank you to our dedicated Volunteers!



## **Parking Protocol**

Let's all work together to ensure the safety of our students. Parking signs are in place around the school in order to provide students a safe arrival and departure from school.

**No Stopping** - Please be advised that the school side of Brigade Drive is a NO STOPPING zone. Stopping in these areas can result in a ticket issued through ByLaw enforcement.

**Kiss and Ride** - This lane is used to drop students off. Students should exit on the sidewalk side of the car. There is NO PARKING in the Kiss and Ride lanes.

**Parking Lots** - To ensure the safety of our students, the **staff parking lot is out of bounds** to our students & parents. Parents may park in the parking lot at the end of the Kiss and Ride lane.

We thank you for supporting the safety of our students!



Hello Parents, Guardians and Caregivers!

My name is Dawn Danko and I am your School Board Trustee representative for Ward 7. I have also been elected as Vice Chair of the Board. As a school board trustee, my role is to maintain a focus on student achievement, well-being and equity and to participate in making decisions that benefit our board's entire jurisdiction while representing the interests of my constituents. I look forward to visiting our schools and seeing all of the hard work that is taking place by students and staff.

I'd invite you to reach out to me to introduce yourself and share any positive feedback or concerns you might have about the schools in our ward. I can be reached by email at ddanko@hwdsb.on.ca or by phone at 289-775-0269.

For more information about the Board of Trustees, including the committees that Trustees are part of, please visit: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/about/trustees/>

## **Terry Fox Run**

Our Terry Fox Run will take place on Thursday September 26 on the back field. Each class will be assigned a time to run. Information will be sent home later this month regarding donations towards this run.

## **Calling All Volunteers**

Volunteers are essential members of the Helen Detwiler Community. Volunteers make so many "extras" possible. Our team of volunteers enrich the educational experience of our students— Nutrition Program, pizza, classroom help and field trips. If you are interested in volunteering, please follow the procedures detailed below.

**New Volunteers** -- If you have never volunteered in a HWDSB school, then you will need to complete a Volunteer Application package and obtain a "Vulnerable Sector Screening Criminal Reference Check (CRC)" from Hamilton Police Services. Drop by the office and ask Mrs. Orgar or Mrs. Potts for the necessary forms.

**Returning Volunteers** - -All other volunteers must sign an annual offence declaration and should begin updating their CRC's every 3 years.

## **Spirit Wear**

Detwiler Hurricanes Spirit Wear returns this year with some great new t-shirts, hoodies, and baseball caps!



An order form will be going home very soon. Come and see our display and samples at our Meet The Teacher evening on the 19th. We will be accepting orders on that evening and any time after that up until we close our sale on October 4th. Orders will arrive within 3 weeks to 4 weeks of our sale closing date. Show your school spirit with some of our new line of spirit wear this year!

## **Playground Safety**

Please note that the creative playground is not on school property and is **not** supervised by staff. Many incidents have happened there both before and after school. In order to minimize conflicts and injuries, please encourage your children to go directly home or discuss proper behaviour and safety with your children when they are at the park.

## **Pizza Days begins Thursday September 26th!**

Pizza orders are taken on Thursdays. The cost per slice is \$1.50. Pizza will be handed out on Thursday of each week. Cheese and/or cheese & pepperoni on a regular white crust will be available for purchase. We encourage families to pay using School Cash Online. If you haven't already done so please sign up today, this registration stays with your child right through grade 12. Thanks to our Parent Volunteers for running Pizza days.  
**Online orders must be placed by September 19!**

